

Naval Awards List Cites Many Officers From Capital Area

Results of Battleship Gunillery Competition Are Announced

Although the prized main battery awards for battleship gunnery competition during the last year went to vessels commanded by officers from other parts of the country, many of the winners were headed by local and nearby men.

The detailed list given out by the Navy Department yesterday shows that many officers from this vicinity were cited for their gunnery and aircraft work during the last competitive year.

The Navy "E" first for main batteries went to the battleship Mississippi, under the command of Rear Admiral Raymond A. Spruance, who during the latter part of the competitive year was assigned to command the 10th naval district in San Juan, and Capt. William R. Munroe, who succeeded in the command.

The Navy "E" first for secondary batteries went to the battleship Arizona, Capt. Isaac C. Kidd of this city commanding. The California, Capt. Harold M. Bemis, Washington, commanding, was second in this class. Lt. Comdr. Donald R. Tallman, this city, was gunnery officer on the Maryland, which also was given a second-place award.

Double Awards Allowed. Naval officials explained that more than one first and second place award could be made under rules of the competition. The distinction comes in that the ranking ship receives commendation in addition to cash prizes for the crew, whereas the runner-up gets only a cash award. Double awards in a given class indicates a close competition with but a few points of percentage difference, it was explained.

Other officers from this region receiving citations included Capt. Francis W. Rockwell, Annapolis, Md., commanding officer of battleship Nevada, which won Navy "E" first in anti-aircraft battery class, and Lt. Comdr. Virgil R. Roane, Cash, Va., gunnery officer, aircraft carrier Enterprise, second place, 5-inch battery class.

The heavy cruiser Augusta took second for 5-inch battery work, with Lt. Comdr. William H. Benson, Haleshorpe, Md., as gunnery officer and Lt. Walter E. Linaweaver, Hancock, Md., as air defense officer. Commanded by Capt. John F. Shafroth, Jr., and with Lt. John P. Walsh as gunnery officer, both of this city, the Indianapolis also was second in this group.

Richmond Wins a First. The Richmond, under the command of Capt. Clarkson J. Bright, Annapolis, won a first in the light cruiser main battery class. The Nashville won a similar award. During part of the competition the vessel was commanded by Capt. William W. Wilson, who died here May 31. The Nashville also won a second in anti-aircraft competition.

The Savannah, commanded by Capt. Robert C. Griffen, Annapolis, Md., won the Navy "E" first in light cruiser 5-inch anti-aircraft battery work. Lt. Howard W. Gordon, Jr., now stationed in the Navy press

section here, was air defense officer. The Philadelphia, commanded by Capt. Vance D. Chapline of this city, and with Lt. Edward S. Addison, Annapolis, as air defense officer, was a second-place winner.

The cruiser Memphis took a second in torpedo practice. Capt. Stewart A. Manahan, Laurel, Md., is captain and Lt. (j. g.) William T. Samuels, Severna Park, Md., is torpedo control officer. In the 1,850-ton destroyer class the Warrington took a first. Comdr. Leighton Wood, now on duty in the Bureau of Ordnance here, was commander. The Balch took a second place. Comdr. Harry R. Thurber, officer in charge of public relations here, was captain. In the same class, the Porter, under the command of Comdr. Harry D. Hoffman, Rehoboth Beach, Del., took second in torpedo control work.

In the 1,500-ton destroyer class the McCall, Lt. Comdr. John E. Wheelchel of this city, commander, won second in fire control, surface and anti-aircraft practices.

Listed for Seconds. For fire control, surface practices, the following commanding officers and their ships were listed for seconds: Lt. Comdr. William L. Freeman, Bagley; Lt. Comdr. Charles O. Comp, Blue, and Lt. Comdr. Percival E. McDowell, Helm, all of Annapolis, and Lt. Comdr. Rutledge B. Tompkins, Henry, this city. Lt. Volckert P. Douw, Annapolis, was gunnery officer on the first-place winner Maury and Lt. Basil N. Rittenhouse, Silver Spring, Md., was gunnery officer on the second-place winner, Gridley. The destroyers Bagley and Blue also were second for torpedo control, as was the Tucker. Lt. Comdr. Hilyer F. Gearling, Annapolis, captain.

In the 1,200-ton destroyer class (type released to Britain), the Alden was second, with Lt. (j. g.) James W. Whaley, this city, as torpedo officer. The minelayer Quail won a Navy "E" first for mining, with Lt. Comdr. John H. Morrill, Waverly, Va., as captain. The Pruitt, Ensign Leon W. Rogers, mining officer, was second.

Patrol Squadron 26, which took first in formation bombing practices, was headed by Lt. Comdr. Stuart H.

Ingersoll, this city. Patrol Squadron 12, Lt. Comdr. Alfred C. Olney, Jr., Bethesda, Md., leader, was first for proficiency in aircraft gunnery. Observation Squadron 2, Lt. William A. Moffett, jr., gunnery officer, was first in individual practices, and Observation Squadron 1, Lt. George B. Chafee, this city, gunnery officer, was second.

Nevada Takes D. A. R. Trophy. The battleship Nevada won the Daughters of the American Revolution Trophy for anti-aircraft gunnery. In their respective classes the following ships won similar trophies: Ranger, Louisville, St. Louis and Smith.

The American Defense Society Cup and the Spokane Cup were won by the Idaho, and the Knox Trophy went to the Louisville. Boatswain's Mate C. J. Parry, Reisterstown, Md., headed the team winning the Knox Gun Pointer Medal. The team handles a 3-inch gun on the Richmond.

The Marjorie Sterrett Battleship Fund prize monies went to the gun crews on the Chicago, Savannah and Spearfish. Turret pointers on the Colorado won the Admiral Trenchard Section, Navy League, Medals.

PINE BLUFF, Ark. (P.)—This sign hangs in a local cafe: Dinner, 15 cents; hungry, 20 cents; very hungry, 25 cents.

High Finance Assailed By Wallace as Danger To Free Enterprise

Vice Presidential Nominee Begins Long Campaign Tour

By the Associated Press.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 24.—Henry A. Wallace, Democratic vice presidential nominee, says danger to free enterprise in the United States comes not from any political party but from "high finance" and holding companies.

The former Secretary of Agriculture, starting a 7,000-mile campaign tour to the West Coast, spoke here last night to a shirt-sleeved audience—it was hot—estimated by State Chairman Fred F. Bays at 12,000.

He said no political party showed any tendency to destroy the "basic framework of democratic life" and declared, "only from outside are we in any immediate danger of dictatorial government."

He noted a difference between "capitalism"—which he termed "the most efficient system" the world had

known for producing and selling useful goods and services—and "finance"—which he said was concerned mainly with "weaving an intricate web of controls" through monopoly.

"You have seen free enterprises licked up by the advancing octopus," he said of the latter, "just as Denmark and Holland were licked up by the dictators."

"I do not like production control," he went on, "but with so much of industry successfully cutting production and pegging prices, there was no other way to save the farmers from ruin."

He termed the Associated Gas & Electric Co., now in receivership, an example of how "sound, productive capitalist enterprises can be held in the meshes of one of those financial monstrosities known as holding companies."

Attacks Commonwealth Southern. Mr. Wallace charged Commonwealth & Southern Corp., which Wendell L. Willkie headed before he became Republican presidential nominee, had brought "pressure on newspapers and magazines, through buying or refusing to buy advertising space, . . . to kill off the Chattanooga News for the crime of supporting the T. V. A." He did not mention Mr. Willkie's name.

He said the Roosevelt administration had "rescued the capitalist system of production, which had

been almost killed by the effects of financial management before 1933," and expressed belief that if a larger number of businessmen were freed from "the control of high finance" business would "continue to grow on a sound basis."

Ruling to Expedite Apprentice Certificates

To expedite the issuance of apprentice certificates under the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Wage and Hour Division has revised its apprentice regulations, it was announced today. The new rules provide that agreements may be approved "on the spot" by local joint committees, as well as by State apprentice councils. This will make possible immediate exemptions and employment of apprentices at wage rates lower than those set under the act. Upon approval of agreements, special apprentice certificates will be promptly issued.

Since the act became effective two years ago, only 129 apprentice certificates have been issued, Administrator Fleming said. No genuine application for an apprentice certificate, he said, has been denied. Increased rates set by recent wage orders and the demands of the defense program, Col. Fleming pointed out, are likely to add to the number of applications received.

United Air Lines to Save Jobs for Trainees

United Air Lines employees entering the military service will find their jobs waiting for them on their return, it was announced today by W. A. Patterson, president, in a bulletin to all employees.

The policy covers all employees.

Special arrangements will be made for those in positions requiring technical knowledge who may be unable to keep pace with developments in their jobs during their absence, it was announced. If necessary such employees will be given temporary apprenticeships to bring them up to date and then will occupy former positions.

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